Disinvestment of CMC

3670. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the disinvestment of Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC);

(b) if so, the process started in that regard; and

(c) the present position thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has decided to bring down its equity holding in CMC Ltd. from 83.31% to 26%. Expressions of Interest were invited from prospective strategic partners in February, 2001.

(c) The qualified interested parties have completed their due diligence. The Shareholder and Share Purchase Agreements have been prepared. After receiving responses of the qualified bidders, these agreements will be finalized. The technical and financial bids will be invited thereafter. The advisors shall also complete Business Valuation of CMC Ltd., as per standard valuation methodologies.

Private/Government Ayurvedic Colleges in the Country

3671. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Private/Government Ayurvedic Colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether these Colleges fulfil the requirements prescribed by the Indian Medical Council; and

(c) the number of such Colleges proposed to be opened during the next five years so as to encourage the efficacy of Ayurvedic treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) The State-wise number of Private/Government Ayurvedic Colleges in the country is given in the Statement (*See* below)

(b) The Central Council of Indian Medicine has laid down Minimum Standards which the colleges are required to adhere to. To verify the actual observance of the standards available at the colleges, the Council conducts periodical visitation of the educational institutions.